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SUBJECT: INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION -- ENGLISH  
LITERACY REQUIREMENT FOR U.S. CITIZENSHIP

1. THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAS RECEIVED A PETITION BROUGHT BY REPRESENTATIVES OF, INTER ALIA, THE AMERICAN G.I. FORUM AND THE LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS, WHICH ALLEGES THAT THE USG IS IN VIOLATION OF ITS INTERNATIONAL LEGAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE AMERICAN DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MAN INASMUCH AS FEDERAL LAW PRECLUDES NON-ENGLISH-SPEAKING RESIDENT ALIENS FROM ACQUIRING U.S. CITIZENSHIP. THE PETITIONERS IN THIS MATTER MAKE THE ASSERTION THAT, "THE UNITED STATES IS THE ONLY NATION IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE . . . THAT SETS AS A PRECONDITION FOR CITIZENSHIP THAT A RESIDENT BE LITERATE IN THE PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF THE HOST NATION."

2. DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN PRO-  
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VIDE AS TO LAW AND PRACTICE OF COUNTRY IN WHICH YOU ARE

LOCATED. DOES LOCAL LAW IMPOSE A REQUIREMENT THAT THE  
PRIMARY LANGUAGE BE LEARNED PRIOR TO OR AFTER ADMISSION  
TO CITIZENSHIP, AS A CONDITION THEREOF? ARE THERE  
OTHER LAWS APART FROM NATIONALITY REGULATIONS THAT ACHIEVE  
THE SAME EFFECT? EVEN IF THERE IS NO LEGISLATIVE PRO-  
HIBITION, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER CAN CITIZENSHIP BE

OBTAINED IF APPLICANT UNABLE TO READ OR SPEAK PRIMARY  
LANGUAGE? KISSINGER

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